

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

Wednesday, March 27, 2018
9:00 AM

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Third Floor – Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

I. **MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes of the November 28, 2018 meeting.

II. **OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

A. Anthony Rao, OD – Petition No. 2018-667

Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH

B. Andrew Freilich, OD – Petition No. 2018-686

Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

Phyllis Liu, OD – Petition No. 2018-85

Request to Modify Consent Order

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **November 28, 2018** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room C on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman - *via telephone*
Susan Barrett - *via telephone*
Carol Goldberg, Esq. - *via telephone*
Lawrence Lefland, OD - *via telephone*
Joseph Pavano, III, OD - *via telephone*
Regina A. Strand, OD - *via telephone*
Lawrence M. Sweeney - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Hearing Officer

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Lefland, seconded by Ms. Barrett.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A. Donald Werner (Unlicensed) – Petition No. 2018-260

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Mr. Werner was not present and was not represented.

Ms. Goldberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barrett, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Anthony Rao, OD – Petition No. 2018-667

Andrew Freilich, OD – Petition No. 2018-686

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented Consent Orders in the matters of Anthony Rao, OD – Petition No. 2018-667 and Andrew Freilich, OD – Petition No. 2018-686. Dr. Rao was present with Attorney Stephanie Sobkowiak. Dr. Freilich was present with Attorney John Morrone. The parties offered their positions regarding the proposed Consent Orders and answered questions from the Board.

Dr. Strand Left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland, to reject both Consent Orders. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board recommended modifications to the Consent Orders which include efforts by respondents to contact, by certified mail, all patients seen by the unlicensed individual, who were not subsequently seen by a licensed optometrist in the practice, and to notify these patients as to the following:

- They were/seen examined by an unlicensed individual.
- They are urged to return for an examination by a licensed optometrist.
- That said examination will offered free of charge.

III. New Business

Meeting Dates for 2019

The following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2019.

March 27, 2019

June 12, 2019

September 18, 2019

November 20, 2019

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Ms. Barrett.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists